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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 12.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad is making the town of Massillon, O., for \$40,000 and the right of way, and promises to be there this fall.

The Cleveland Leader says that the potato market is somewhat demoralized in that city, and prices are going off. It quotes Early Rose at seventy-five and eighty cents a car load, and at eighty-five and ninety cents more.

Twenty thousand car loads of freight are detained on the tracks in and near Chicago in consequence of the strike of the railroad hands. Large quantities of grain are spoiling from the damp weather, and the consequent reduction in value amounts in some cases to fully \$100 per car load. The stock yards are full to overflowing, and cattle arriving there have to be kept in the cars on the track, with no conveniences for feeding or watering them.

The First National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of six per cent, clear of all taxes, payable on the 10th—(Washington Post) Examiner.

Banking must be exceptionally profitable among our neighbors, yet we noticed the other day that one of their building associations was unable to sell any of its loans at a premium. The stock of a bank that pays 12 per cent interest per annum, free of all taxes, ought to command fabulous figures these days. A good many institutions would pay something to know how the thing is done.

The recent census returns in Switzerland show that there are only three countries in Europe in which the increase in population is slower than in the little Republic. The increase during the last thirty years in Switzerland has been 5.9 per thousand annually; in Bavaria the annual increase per thousand is 5.4; in Ireland, 4.8; and in France 2.8. The Swiss cantons which show the largest increase are Basel and Geneva, which harbor a large number of French refugees; War and Zug, where thousands of workmen are employed on the St. Gothard Tunnel, and Neuchâtel. The increase in population for 1881 is likely to reveal a considerable falling off from the average of past years, for an army of emigrants is pouring out of the country.

An extract from a letter written by Mrs. Garfield to her husband ten years ago is quoted by the Student of Hiram college, into the hands of whose president it accidentally fell. I am glad," Mrs. Garfield wrote, "to tell that, out of all the toil and disappointment of the summer just ended, I have risen up to a victory; that the silence of thought since you have been away has won for my spirit a triumph. I read something like this the other day; 'There is no healthy thought without labor, and thought makes the laborer happy.' Perhaps this is the way I have been able to climb up higher. It came to me one morning when I was making bread. I said to myself: 'Here I am, compelled by an inevitable necessity to make our bread this summer. Why not consider it a pleasant occupation and make it no by trying to see what perfect bread I can make?' It seemed like an inspiration and the whole of life grew brighter. The very sunshine seemed flowing down through my spirit into the white loaves, and now I believe my table is furnished with better bread than ever before."

The German Consul-General in New York has taken it upon himself to imitate the achievements of Crump at Philadelphia, and has sent home to Berlin certain lying statements about this country for the purpose of discouraging immigration. The St. Paul, published at Bismarck, in Prussia, prints the following circular from the New York Consul:

The belief seems to prevail in Germany that in the United States there is an active business prosperity. This is wholly incorrect. Of business activity there is little or none, but there are the most unmistakable signs that the whole of North America is on the eve of an industrial (economic) crisis, as the ever-spreading delirium (schizophrenia) makes a sound business basis impossible, and, owing to this, too, during the last year, no fewer than 251 (one) failures of large business firms occurred, a number exceeding any previous year; it is consequently difficult for any one to get work, and many emigrants who have come to the United States with bright hopes are now in the greatest distress. It is the exodus from Germany to the United States does not soon cease, or greatly diminish, the emigrants will have to face the most frightful destitution. It would be well, therefore, for every one intending to leave his country to take this step only on the assurance that he will secure a living in his new home. Whoever is not compelled from some cause to emigrate, or is not possessed of considerable means, had better stay at home.

The Iron Region of Alabama. A few years ago the late S. H. Woodward of this city had his attention drawn to the iron region of Alabama. The editor of this paper went with him on one of his early trips, just after he had made his first purchase. This was early in the year 1869. At that time the site of the present town of Birmingham, in Jefferson county, was a waste cotton field. There was no railroad within twenty-five or thirty miles of the place. Now there are two that cross at Birmingham. On the occasion referred to the parties named met Daniel Hillman, of Tennessee, the most extensive iron manufacturer of that State, and Samuel Tait, President of the Mississippi Central railroad, who were, at the invitation of Col. Thomas Peters, a pioneer in the Alabama region, on a visit to the Birmingham locality, with a view of purchasing lands at the proposed railroad crossing. There was one land in abundance, and the people had very little idea of its prospective value. This was especially true of what is known as Red Mountain ore lands. At that time very little was known about the coal in Jones' Valley or along the Warrior river, as it was comparatively undeveloped, and its properties unknown. The people burned wood in parlor and kitchen. The country was poor and sparsely settled, and the natives lived in the thriftless way characteristic of the South in those days.

A great change has been wrought since 1869. Gradually the resources of Jones' valley drew attention in the North and in England. One of the great iron authorities of England came over and paid the region a visit, and went back home convinced that at no distant day it would develop into a great manufacturing location. Mr. Woodward held this idea straight

along, and added to his purchases from time to time, never selling anything. He bought red ore, brown hematites and coal lands, and his estate holds a large and valuable property there at this time. One of his recent purchases for \$20,000 could have been sold since for \$60,000.

So well convinced had Mr. Woodward become as to the future of this region that during his late visit he had about matured his plans for developing his holdings in the way of building one or more blast furnaces. He had fully satisfied himself that iron could be made for \$8 per ton down there, and marketed in the Ohio river valley at a profit of two to four dollars as against home competition.

This reference to the Alabama iron region has been called out by the following paragraph in one of our exchanges in regard to Birmingham:

"Nearly every week we hear of new enterprises in the iron business, and the rush to the iron regions of the State exceeds anything of the sort ever seen in the South. Birmingham booms. It is the central point of the iron and coal business. Its outlook was never so bright—never so assured as at present. A few years ago it was an old worn out coal field; it has today 6,000 people, and has besides in successful operation a number of iron furnaces, acres of coking ovens and extensive rolling mills. It is certain that it will soon become the State's important railroad center in the South; in addition to its large and constantly increasing iron and coal business, it is stated that the largest rolling mill in the world is to be erected there; and further, it is announced that Mr. Sayre, of Bethlehem (Pa.) Steel Works, has made arrangements for the investment of \$1,000,000 in a new steel works at Birmingham, and will erect the necessary buildings this summer."

The examination by New York experts of the tea raised in Georgia under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture Le Duc did not result flatteringly for the prospects of American tea raising. The questions to be decided by the experts related to the comparative value of tea grown in the shade or in the sun and the comparative value of the American tea with similar imported teas. An hour was given to testing, after which conclusions were stated. There was general agreement with the views expressed by R. G. Carey, who said that "as compared with imported teas the American tea is of inferior quality, and the character of the ground or the curing we cannot tell. For his experiments to have any practical importance in this market he would have to bring us Japan teas such as we sell here. Such tea as we have tasted to-day would not fetch more than twenty-five or thirty cents in the market. One of the samples could not be sold at all, but that, I believe, was spoiled. The tea grown in the sun are better than those grown under the shade of mata or arbors." Commissioner Le Duc does not abate his confidence, however. He says the teas tested were prepared differently from the Japanese, and were calculated rather to be judged on their merits than by a standard of taste formed by use of foreign tea. He will have samples prepared and try again. To the objection that the import duties saved would be more than eaten up by the higher price of labor here than in Japan and China, Mr. Le Duc says he has perfected machinery which he thinks will reduce the expense of rolling and curing the American product.

This Disciple Church of Washington is now fifty years old. The members propose celebrating its semi-centennial by appropriate exercises on Sunday, May 15. A history of the church and Sunday School will be given, and at night there will be preaching by Rev. W. K. Pendleton, of Bethany College.—(Washington Post) Examiner.

DIED.
CHAMBERLAIN—On Wednesday morning, May 11, 1881, SARAH A. CHAMBERLAIN, in the 95th year of her age.

Funeral this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence of her son, W. T. Chambers, at Elm Grove. Interment at Stone Church Cemetery.

GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, LUMBAGO, BACKACHE, GOUT, SORENESS, CHEST, SORE THROAT, QUINSY, SWELLINGS, AND SPRAINS, FROSTED FEET AND EARS, BURNS, SCALDS, General Bodily Pains, TOOTH, EAR AND HEADACHE, AND ALL OTHER PAINS AND ACHES.

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